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In accordance with Rule 97, the undersigned attorney submits the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Most, if not all, of these documents have already been made of record in the parent application Ser. No. 08/699,712. Copies of the remaining documents are being submitted with this IDS or should be available in the Patent Office file history of related applications Ser. Nos. 09/208,017, 09/328,671, 09/328,668, and 08/964,333, now U.S. Patent No. 5,982,891. Additional copies will be submitted upon request. To the best of our knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits of the application referenced above.

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